

Scientific documentation regarding the effect of music on people abounds. In essence, people's thinking, feelings, emotions, and opinions are shaped by the music they listen to. After reviewing the selection of radio stations available to me in the Portland/Vancouver area, I have chosen to listen to AIR 1 on FM translators 90.3, 92.7, 97.7, and 102.7.

AIR 1 plays music and material that is wholesome and encouraging, helping listeners maintain an even keel throughout the day. Besides music, AIR 1 also plays short commentaries and discussions on topics that are relevant for today, encouraging listeners to be more active in their communities and giving guidance on how to have better relationships with friends and family. The news coverages offered by AIR 1 does not have the same coloration that other popular media has, often including topics and issues that other stations neglect as unimportant.

Because listeners of AIR 1 are encouraged to participate in their surroundings, local community services enjoy greater support. Charities, non-profit community help, and homeless shelters, are just a couple of examples of organizations that without AIR 1 in the area, current listeners would be relegated to commercial-driven radio stations that are always interrupted by commercial advertisements. One said commercial station has been known to play advertisements for four to six minutes straight, seriously detracting from their message. On the occasions that AIR 1 is not available I find myself scanning the frequency range in frustration, searching for something to listen to, ending up putting a CD in instead.

I wish my voice to be heard as one opposed to changes to FCC policy that would adversely affect my ability to hear AIR 1 in my area.